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Dear Governor Rell and Legislators:

I, Dolores, am standing before you this morning only as a direct result of a divine intervention from God. I followed the light that led me to Katie Blair's home. A home made possible through the vision of Carol Croteau, our founder. A place where women like me could make a house our home. It is necessary that this vision continue in order to provide the basic essentials for women to rebuild their lives.

This program allows women who have been beaten down, either by domestic violence, drug abuse, homelessness and any situation in life that occurs when one makes bad choices. I lived for many years in a relationship where I was consumed by acts of physical, verbal and emotional abuse. I believed I needed a man to validate my self-worth. The embarrassment of what was happening to me at the hands of the man I thought loved me made it hard for me to cry out for help. I did not know where to turn. I thought no one cared. It was the worst feeling to face starting over alone. Only by God's grace, I'm not alone. I now have a family of women who do care, the Katie Blair family of real friends. I now have a glimmer of hope. I am well on my way to being a productive woman for my family, for my community and for myself.

It is a gratifying feeling to know the staff enjoys watching all of us grow and develop in all areas of our individual lives. They have dedicated themselves in assisting us in finding the right tools we need to become fulfilled and productive citizens of our great state. It is vital that this vision continue to thrive. Other women coming after me should have the same blessing that awaits them at Katie's House. Please allow the door to be open to any woman in any situation.

Thank you and may God continue to bless us all.

Dolores Greene